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SUBJECT: IRAQI BID TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH IRAN

SUMMARY: ACCORDING OFFICIAL GOI NEWS BROADCAST, IRAQIS HAVE REQUESTED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH IRAN. IRANIAN MFA HAS ACCEPTED REQUEST ON FAMILIAR CONDITION THAT DIFFERENCES BE SETTLED ACCORDING TO NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. ACCEPTANCE INCLUDED CRITICISM OF PAST IRAQI ACTIONS TOWARD IRAN. END SAHAJ.

1. OFFICIAL TEHRAN RADIO NEWS BROADCAST REPORTS THAT AT 3:00 P.M., OCTOBER 7, IRAQIS CALLED SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF IRANIAN PROPERTY IN BAGHDAD TO IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST THAT IRAN AND IRAQ RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IRANIAN MFA HAS ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT IRAN READY TO ACCEPT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL'S REQUEST ON CONDITION THAT DIFFERENCES (READ SHATT-AL-ARAB) BE SETTLED ACCORDING TO NORMS OF ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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2. RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED THAT IRAQI POLITICAL MOVE

DID NOT SURPRISE QTE TEHRAN POLITICAL CIRCLES UNQTE.
IRAQIS HAVE MADE SIMILAR REQUEST IN PAST INCLUDING DURING
FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA WITHOUT RESULT, AND
BAGHDAD MUST NOW SHOW IT IS SINCERE IN WANTING BETTER
RELATIONSHIP. IRANIANS HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN TREATMENT
ACCORDED IRANIANS RESIDING IN IRAQ, SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO
BALUCHISTAN OR IRAQI TRAINING OF GUERILLAS WHO OPERATE
IN IRAN, AND GOI IS AWARE THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS
MADE THIS REQUEST UNDER PRESSURE OF WORLD, ARAB AND IRAQI
PUBLIC OPINION AND IN LIGHT OF NEW HOSTILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST.
COMMENT: IRANIANS HAVE ATTACHED SIMILAR CONDITIONS TO
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH BAGHDAD IN THE PAST
AND IT IS NOT YET CLEAR IF THIS IRAQI DEMARCHE WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL.
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